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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in connection with the above-identified patent application:

- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement mailed December 6, 2005 (1 pg.); and
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 395-7000.

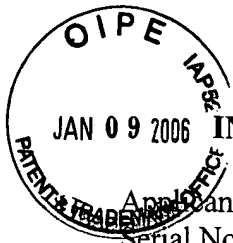
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50/2762, Ref. No. C2013-7138. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION
MAILED DECEMBER 6, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2005 in the above-identified application, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group III, namely claims 10 and 32-47, for further prosecution. Please note that claims 48-51 further depend on claim 10.

Applicants make this election without traverse and without prejudice to the filing of one or more divisional applications directed to non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §121 in the event a generic claim is not allowed.

Favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited.

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